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Yellow Ribbon Program reintegration events and Freedom Salute Ceremonies scheduled throughout Wyoming

CHEYENNE – The Wyoming Army National Guard's Yellow Ribbon program will hold reintegration events and Freedom Salute Ceremonies throughout the state in June, for Soldiers of the 115th Fires Brigade who recently returned from a year-long deployment to Kuwait and Iraq.

The unit left in April 2009, to conduct pre-mobilization training at Fort Hood, Texas, before making the journey to Kuwait and Iraq. The mission was to conduct command and control operations as well as convoy security and escort missions throughout Kuwait and Iraq.

Reintegration events allow Soldiers, their families and community members to not only join together, but also learn how to work in concert while creating a cohesive community approach to a successful post-deployment process.

Community members are invited to join Soldiers and their families in honoring their service and sacrifice during their support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with Freedom Salute Ceremonies. Anyone interested in learning more about supporting the returning Soldiers are also invited to attend the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration discussion and

benefits information fair after the Freedom Salute at the same location. The fair will include service providers from nearly every program available for returning service members and their families.

The Freedom Salute Ceremony locations and meeting times, in addition to the benefits information fairs are listed as follows:

- June 5 in Cheyenne, 1 2:45 p.m., Freedom Salute Ceremony at the Little America Hotel, 2800 W. Lincolnway. Benefits fair to follow at same location, 3 - 4 p.m.
- June 6 in Douglas, 1- 2:45 p.m., Freedom Salute Ceremony at the Douglas High School, 615 Hamilton St. Benefits fair to follow at same location, 3 4 p.m.
- June 12 in Lander, 9 10:45 a.m., Freedom Salute Ceremony at the Best Western Hotel, 260 Grandview Dr. Benefits fair to follow at same location, 11 a.m. until noon.
- June 12 in Worland, 1- 2:45 p.m., Freedom Salute Ceremony at the Worland Community Complex Center, 1200 Culbertson Ave. Benefits fair to follow at same location, 3 4 p.m.
- June 13 in Gillette, 9 10:45 a.m., Freedom Salute Ceremony at Clarion Inn, 2009 S. Douglas Highway. Benefits fair to follow at same location, 11 a.m. until noon.
- June 13 in Sheridan, 1- 2:45 p.m., Freedom Salute Ceremony at Holiday Inn, 1809 Sugarland Dr. Benefits fair to follow at same location, 3 - 4 p.m.
- June 26 in Casper, 1 2:45 p.m., Freedom Salute Ceremony at Wolcott Galleria, 136 S. Wolcott St. Benefits fair to follow at same location, 3 - 4 p.m.

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